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SUBJECT: CONSEQUENCES OF BRITISH WITHDRAWAL FROM
SINGAPORE

1. EMBASSY HAS DONE EXCELLENT JOB OF REPORTING ON
ISSUES ARISING FROM FORTHCOMING BRITISH MILITARY WITH-
DRAWAL FROM SINGAPORE AND IN SUGGESTING WAYS TO PRESERVE
US INTERESTS. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO ADD TO YOUR BURDENS BUT
IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL AT THIS TIME TO HAVE A RESUME OF
WHERE SITUATION STANDS, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF EACH
PORTION, AND CURRENT GOS POLICIES RELATING TO USE OF
SINGAPORE BY FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES. WE REALIZE THAT
MUCH OF INFO WE SEEK HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED AND WE
REGRET ASKING FOR REPEAT, BUT WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT INFO
WE HAVE IS MOST RECENT AND COMPLETE AVAILABLE.

2- WE WOULD LIKE CABLED RESPONSES TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.
IF INFO REPORTED IN PREVIOUS EMBASSY MESSAGES IS COMPLETE

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AND CURRENT, REFERENCE TO THOSE MESSAGES WILL BE

SUFFICIENT.

A. WHAT SPECIFIC NAVAL FACILITIES ARE NOW UNDER BRITISH CONTROL AND/OR MANAGEMENT? WHAT DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR BRITISH TO RELINQUISH EACH OF THESE

FACILITIES? WHICH OF THESE FACILITIES ARE IN CURRENT USE BY USN VESSELS AND WHAT HAS BEEN EXTENT OF THAT USE OVER PAST FEW YEARS? WHAT WILL BE DISPOSITION OF EACH ACCORDING TO CURRENT PLANNING? HOW WILL THIS AFFECT US ACCESS, INCLUDING NPW VISITS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS?

B. WITH REGARD TO SENOKO FUEL DEPOT AND THE TWO BERTHS IN STORES BASIN WE ARE DISCUSSING WITH NEW ZEALAND, HOW WOULD YOU ASSESS GOS REACTION SHOULD USG SEEK TO TAKE OVER MANAGEMENT OF THESE FACILITIES IF GNZ DECIDES NOT TO REQUEST CONTROL?

C. ARE THERE ANY MILITARY FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF NAVAL BASE AREA THAT BRITISH WILL BE RELINQUISHING? WHAT ARE PLANS FOR THEIR DISPOSITION? HOW ABOUT PAST OR PRESENT US USE OF ANY OF THESE FACILITIES AND WHAT AFFECT IF ANY WILL UK WITHDRAWAL HAVE ON US USE?

D. WHAT ARE MAJOR AIR FACILITIES IN SINGAPORE USED BY US MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND WHAT USE HAS US MADE OF THEM IN PAST TWO YEARS? WHAT IS CURRENT PATTERN OF USE? WHAT, IF ANY, CHANGES MIGHT BE EXPECTED AS RESULT OF BRITISH WITHDRAWAL?

E. WHAT RESTRICTIONS DOES GOS NOW APPLY TO SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS IN USE OF SINGAPORE PORT FACILITIES? IN ACCESS TO SEMBAWANG AND VICINITY? HOW ABOUT SOVIET NAVAL VESSELS? WHAT CHANGES ARE LIKELY TO RESULT FROM BRITISH RELINQUISHING NAVAL FACILITIES?

F. WHAT USE HAS BEEN MADE OF SINGAPORE FACILITIES
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BY SOVIET CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT? HAVE SOVIET MILITARY AIRCRAFT EVER CALLED AT SINGAPORE IN RECENT YEARS?
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